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BRANDON W. PHELPS

STATE REPRESENTATIVE
118TH DISTRICT

Tom Wheeler, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: MB Docket No. 15-149

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

As a Illinois State Representative whose district includes a number of southern Illinois counties, including Gallatin County, which is serviced by Time Warner Cable, it is important to have strong telecommunications networks in America's rural markets to improve the lives of both residence and businesses. I believe the pending New Charter merger is a solid plan to improve broadband services for consumers in my district and across the country. In addition, Charter's commitment to job growth is a significant measure of the company's future impact.

Charter Communications has demonstrated the value of their products to the consumers they currently serve in Illinois. Charter has a strong base tier of high-speed Internet service. Under the merger, Time Warner Cable will transition to Charter's broadband Internet base tier, which I understand is faster and less expensive. New Charter's investments would focus on bringing innovative products to all customers, especially those living in rural and underserved regions. The projects would include building out one million residential line extensions and investing \$2.5 billion in commercial networks. The New Charter merger would also expand the broadband program of Bright House Networks for low income customers.

New Charter is also committed to improving our national economy through job growth. The company would bring the Time Warner Cable customer care jobs back from overseas in order to improve customer care.

Given the commitment to broadband infrastructure investment and creating new American jobs, I hope you will consider these benefits and support the New Charter merger.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brandon W. Phelps".

Representative Brandon Phelps
Illinois, 118th District